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## WORLD NEWS

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### Alchemist Labors for Naught

It was 12 years ago, that the great intellect and alchemist, Vig Parthus the Accomplished addressed the public before barring the door to his lab. He bid that no one disturb his work, for when he finally emerged from his bailiwick, he would present to the people that which mankind had been searching for since the beginning of time. After a decade of respecting the mages request, a concerned citizen determined that something was amiss, since no one had been bringing food to the alchemist for all those years. When the body was finally recovered, it was already in an advanced state of decomposition. There is only speculation of what Vig had been working on that would be such a boon to mankind. Scholars pointed out that Vig must have been working on a potion that would turn base metals into gold. Politicians were hoping for an elixir that they could give to their wives to make them believe their lies whenever they cheated on them. Women-folk lamented that

they would never see the wonder-soap that would soften their hands while doing dishes.

### Nuisance Charge Ends With Unusual Twist

It was a day of ordeals for Pepe, a young shepherd that tended the flocks in the Magincian fields. When he began to give the hue and cry of "Wolf! Wolf!", all those within earshot came running to investigate. When the townsfolk asked for the reason for the alarm, the young herdsman appeared puzzled, according to witnesses. The assembled individuals dispersed, when the cry rose up again, and they returned yet again to find no wolf within the vicinity. This incident was repeated until the guards were called and the shepherd was charged with constituting a public nuisance. The young herdsman was questioned about some empty bottles of alcohol found in his lunch area, and vociferously denied that he had ever seen them. His employer arrived on the scene and upon hearing the news, discharged the worker on the spot. That night, the entire flock had disappeared without a trace. Fortunately for the young shepherd, he had been incarcerated at the time, or else would have been considered a primary suspect in the crime. Pepe has been released on his own recognizance following a

witness coming forward  
with information as to  
the actual perpetrators  
involved in the crime.  
Allegedly, a ninja by the  
name of Mmmm Falafels  
and his sheep rustling  
associates have been  
assuming the wolf animal  
form and stealthing  
around the Yew sheep  
pens, baiting animal  
herders with the same  
scheme.

#### CURRENT NEWS

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#### Cupid's Vacation?

After weeks of pondering  
upon the upcoming holiday,  
Cupid lamented on how  
mortals had forgotten the  
gods of the lands. Almost  
everyone knows Cupid's  
name only on Valentine's  
Day because of his  
legendary deeds: spreading  
the spirit of love in the  
lands. Cupid grew curious  
of what humans would do  
if granted the power of  
inspiring love upon each  
other. He looked down at  
the toy arrows in  
Voluptas's quiver and had  
of an idea. His daughter's  
arrows were made to only  
affect people who were  
already in love with each  
other. Cupid's contrived  
to leave an arrow for  
each person in Sosaria  
the night before  
Valentine's Day and  
observe how they would  
use them. He also  
included a statue molded  
in his likeness as a hint  
to the present's sender.  
The very next day he sat  
back with interest as he  
observed his handiwork.  
Many used the arrows on  
a loved one, others shot  
anyone and everyone  
within sight, while some  
even discarded them

thoughtlessly. "Either way,"  
Cupid thought to himself,  
"At least they all know  
that the god of desire,  
affection and erotic love  
still lives."

## ARTS AND LIVING

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### Caveat Emptor

It appears that the  
Blacksmiths and Tailors  
have been holding out on  
us when it comes to  
handing out the better  
Bulk Orders Deeds. Those  
looking to get their hands  
on tapestries, exotic rugs  
and finer wares had  
better be willing to cross  
some palms with coin.  
These smooth operators  
will tell you that it is  
due to hard times, but it  
just seems to be a "sign  
of the times" where  
everyone is out to rob  
other people's nests while  
feathering their own.

## TRAVELOGUE

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### Mazewood

Mazewood is a quiet  
community that is the  
home of the United  
Blacksmiths of Britannia.  
It is located east of  
Skara Brae in Felucca,  
near the southwest  
corner of the hedgemaze.

There are several homes  
in the area providing all  
the amenities anyone could  
need: tavern, stable,  
crafting center, garden,  
apartment complex,  
armory, and a few  
outlying buildings as well.

There are a few relics

of old also housed within  
the town. One such relic  
is a blessed sledge  
hammer King British  
presented to the founder  
of the Blacksmiths of  
Britannia , Excalibur Bane.

There are a couple of  
rare vintages of wine  
presented to the UBB as  
well. The armory houses  
many old crafted items  
and more can be found  
at the crafting center.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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### Keep the Magic of Winter Alive

The snows will be  
disappearing soon, but you  
can still keep some of  
that winter magic trapped  
all year round inside our  
limited edition snowglobe.  
The Sosarian Mint  
Collection brings you our  
latest addition, "Winter  
Memories of Destard."  
Crafted of fine  
frostwood, each figurine  
in the scene is  
painstakingly hand painted  
in such detail that they  
almost come to life. You  
can make out every detail  
of the tiny adventurers;  
their brows tinged with  
the sweat of desperation  
and fear as they flee  
for their lives from the  
dungeon. You can see the  
panicked look in their  
eyes as they search for  
the nearest snow pile to  
douse the flames erupting  
from their clothing. Each  
snowglobe is a delight to  
behold, and for only 4  
payments of 2500 gold,  
it can be yours. If you  
act now, you can also  
order for 30 days, two

favorites, "Liches Ate My Heart in Deceit" and "PK Gangbang in Covetous." If you wish, you can receive your set all at once. Best order with Grandmastercharge, Britannian Express or COD with a 10 gp service charge.

\*\* Giant tub of melted butter 15,000 gold extra.

## COMICS

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### Crime and Punishment

(Pic: a thief standing before the judge)

Judge: You have stood before me five times already.

Thief: Your honor, when I like a fellow, I like to give him all my business.

### Leg Up

(Pic: One-legged beggar begging from wealthy nobleman.)

Beggar: Can you help me out, sir. As you can see, I've lost my leg.

Nobleman: Sorry, I haven't seen it. Have you tried putting an ad in the classifieds?

### Stumble Inn

(Pic: guest pointing to water pouring from hole in roof onto bed)

Guest: Does the water always come through the roof like that?

Innkeeper: No sir, only

when it rains.

## CLASSIFIEDS

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I need help with a problem. I have a house in the woods a short distance from a reaper. For the most part, I have always kept a safe distance. A few days ago, there was a storm and the reaper was uprooted and blown onto its back. By the way, they do make a sound when they fall over when no one is around. This one has been crying out "Why?!! Why?!!" for three straight days and I have not been able to get a wink of sleep since. I would be perfectly willing to pay a good 30 gold pieces to anyone who will put the thing out of its misery. I would do it myself, but I'm afraid it will try to fireball me. If you are interested in making some pocket money, I live in a small plaster 2 story by the waterfall in Yew. The reaper is screaming pretty loud, so it's easy to locate.

If you crave falafel, drop by for the grand opening of 'Thanks for Mutton'; the first falafel stand in the land. We are conveniently located next to the Britain moongate, open from 10 am to 10pm 7 days a week.

